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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-68

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 08-07 AFFECTING SAFETY SENIOR MANAGEMENT, MANAGEMENT AND UNREPRESENTED CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

On April 25, 2013

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District adopted Resolution No. 08-07 on January 11, 2007, governing the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Safety employees who are not members of recognized bargaining groups; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief is recommending the changes in this resolution to ensure that all bargaining groups are treated equally; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that the provisions and agreements contained in this amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding are fair and proper and in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, unrepresented employees and retirees have agreed to provide substantial health care costs savings to the District by reducing the health care premium cap and contributing 8% of the health care premiums for the express purpose of having the associated savings contributed into the OPEB trust established by the District with CalPERS to prefund retiree medical benefits in consideration of the District expressly agreeing that each existing retiree, future retirees, and their survivors shall have a vested right to receive the maximum retiree health benefits that were provided as of July 1, 2013 and to receive the maximum amount of annual increases in subsidies or reimbursements for retiree health benefits in all subsequent years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for health care savings and OPEB trust contributions provided by the employees and retirees, the Board of Directors finds and declares that the District intends and agrees to be bound by an express contractual obligation to continue providing health care benefits at the levels specified herein for each retiree and dependents, if any, presently enrolled and for each retiree in the future, even beyond the term of this agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District that Sections 5, 10C, 10K, and 11A of Resolution No. 08-07 hereby be amended as follows:

5. **UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

Uniform allowance shall be rolled into base pay effective 01/01/2014. The current uniform allowance shall be divided by twelve and added to base salary.

10. **HEALTH BENEFITS**

- C. For employees or retirees who are enrolled the Basic or Combination plans, the District shall contribute 92% of the medical premium towards the employees or retirees selected health plan. Employees and retirees will be responsible for the remaining 8% of the premium, and any additional amount above the premium cap. These contribution amounts will be effective 7/1/13.

For retirees that are enrolled in the Medicare plan, the District shall contribute an amount equal to 100% of the third highest plan in CalPERS Bay Area at the tier that the employee selects. Retirees will be responsible for any additional amount above the premium cap. For retirees who are Medicare age who were hired prior to March 31, 1986 and are not eligible to enroll in Medicare due to a lack of credits, the District shall provide a stipend that equals an amount equal to 8% of the premium at the tier that the employee selects up to the third highest plan in CalPERS Bay Area. These contribution amounts will be effective 7/1/13.

The premium cap (effective on 1/1/14) will be the third highest plan in CalPERS Bay Area rates (currently Blue Shield NetValue) at the tier that the employee selects, i.e. employee, employee plus one, employee plus family.

Medical-in-lieu: All employees or retirees who opt out of health insurance as provided by the District shall receive \$300 monthly in lieu of health insurance. An employee must provide proof of coverage in order to opt out of District provided health insurance.

10. **HEALTH PLANS** shall be amended to include a new section which shall provide as follows:

- K. Effective July 1, 2013, the savings associated with the 8% employee and retiree premium contributions, and effective January 1, 2014, the savings associated with lowering the premium cap, as outlined above, shall be contributed into the OPEB trust established by the District with CalPERS to prefund retiree medical benefits. In consideration for employee contributions above each existing retiree, future retirees, and their survivors shall have a vested right to receive the maximum retiree health benefits that were provided as of July 1, 2013 and to receive the maximum amount of annual increases in subsidies or reimbursements for retiree health benefits in all subsequent years thereafter. This vested retiree health benefit right is promised to current retirees and future retirees, i.e. active employees when they retire even beyond the term of this resolution.

11. **RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

- A. Safety employees who were hired prior to 1/1/13 the District shall pay to PERS the member's contribution to their PERS retirement plan not to exceed nine percent (9%) of the employee's salary and shall be treated as Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) as PERS reportable compensation for retirement purposes. Such payments shall be made payable to the member's own PERS account.

ON A MOTION by Director Jones, seconded by
Director Wood, the foregoing resolution was passed and
adopted this 25th day of April, 2013, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Jones, Kelly, Monk, Orzalli, Pierson, Scheidegger, Wood

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Clark, Goold

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

By: 
President, Board of Directors

Attested By:


Clerk of the Board